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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Antonito Panganiban, et al.
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For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING MODULATORS OF
HIV-1 VPU AND GAG INTERACTION WITH U
BINDING PROTEIN (UBP)
Group Art Unit: 1648
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the August 14, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants elect restriction Group I (claims 3 - 6, drawn to an assay identifying modulators of Ubp/Vpu interaction measured *in vivo* and *in vitro*) without prejudice to the eventual filing of a divisional application on restriction Group II.

No fees are believed necessary to enter this response. However, if any fee is necessary, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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